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SUBJECT: ECA - THIRD MEETING OF CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS, NAIROBI,  
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IO FOR BUFFUM, BLAKE, AND MOREY; IO/CMD FOR WOODBURY; AID/PPC FOR  
BIRNBAUM; AID/AFR FOR ADAMS; AF FOR MULCAHY  
FROM USDEL CHAIRMAN CHARLES JAMES

1. SUMMARY: PLANS FOR RADICAL TRANSFORMATION OF AFRICAN  
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND INTER-  
NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENTAL MACHINERY HAVE BEEN SPEAR-  
HEADED BY ALGERIAN DELEGATION. MAJORITY OF AFRICAN DELEGATIONS  
APPEAR TO SUPPORT ALGERIAN RATIONALE AND PROGRAM. HEAD OF  
ALGERIAN DELEGATION, MINISTER OF COMMERCE YAKER, PEERLESS IN  
THIS FORUM. UN UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL VAN LAETHAM DEEPLY  
CONCERNED GRAVITY POTENTIAL EFFECT ALGERIAN INITIATIVE ON US  
SYSTEM. FROM VANTAGE POINT OF THIS CONFERENCE, NOTHING APPEARS  
ON HORIZON TO DAMPEN IMPACT "ALGERIAN STRATEGY" TO DOMINATE  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS BETWEEN NOW AND 7TH  
SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA. END SUMMARY.

2. A RADICAL TRANSFORMATION IN THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL  
CONSCIOUSNESS OF MANY AFRICAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS HAS BEEN  
COGENTLY ELABORATED AND CONSOLIDATED THROUGH EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS  
OF THE ALGERIAN DELEGATION AT THIS CONFERENCE. BASED ON THE CON-  
SENSUS EXPRESSED AMONG A MAJORITY OF DELEGATIONS, IT IS QUITE  
EVIDENT THAT AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT PLANNERS ARE NO LONGER CON-  
TENT TO RELY ON THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES OF DONOR ORGAN-  
IZATIONS AND UN AGENCIES AND ON FINANCING FROM TRADITIONAL EX-  
TERNAL SOURCES. THE ALGERIAN DELEGATION HAS CAREFULLY ORCHES-  
TRATED THE EMERGING CONFERENCE THEME OF ECONOMIC SELF-DETERMIN-  
ATION AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY. ABLY LED BY ALGERIAN MINISTER OF  
COMMERCE YAKER, APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE DELEGATIONS WHO HAVE  
SPOKEN THUS FAR HAVE STRONGLY ECHOED THE ALGERIAN CALL FOR AN END  
TO AFRICAN DEPENDENCE ON THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

3. WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN VIEWED IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT PAST AS A  
REPETITION OF EXTREME ALGERIAN POLITICO-ECONOMIC RHETORIC SHOULD  
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NOW BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED AS A REFLECTION OF AN ALTERED STATE  
OF ECONOMIC CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGISTS.  
THE HERCULEAN EFFORTS OF YAKER AT THIS CONFERENCE ARE BY HIS  
EXPLICIT COMMENTS A PRELUDE TO THE FORTHCOMING 7TH SPECIAL  
SESSION OF THE UNGA. WE SHOULD ANTICIPATE INTENSE PRESSURE  
BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF AFRICA AND THE REST OF THE THIRD  
WORLD, LED BY THE ALGERIANS, TO TRANSFORM DRASTICALLY THE  
DEVELOPMENT MANDATE OF THE ENTIRE UN SYSTEM. FROM THE VANTAGE

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SPECIAL SESSION. SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE SESSION IS

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DUE TO OPEN, AFRICAN POSITION IS CRYSTALLIZING UNDER THE DEFT  
MANAGEMENT OF ALGERIA.

4. IN THE TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF THE FULL TEXT OF  
YAKER'S SPEECH TO THIS CONFERENCE, THE FOLLOWING  
SYNOPSIS ILLUSTRATES THE THRUST AND EXCESSES OF THE ALGERIAN  
MANIFESTO: (A) OPEC COUNTRIES IN FOREFRONT  
OF STRUGGLE TO LIBERATE WHOLE THIRD WORLD, HAVE  
DEMONSTRATED PRINCIPLE OF SELF-RELIANCE; (B) INCREASE  
IN OIL PRICES HAS NOT CAUSED CURRENT WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS,  
BUT HAS SHOWN WAY TO SIMILAR INCREASES IN  
OTHER PRIMARY PRODUCTS THROUGH ORGANIZATION AND  
CONTROL BY PRODUCERS; (C) CRISIS RESULTS FROM LONG-  
STANDING UNDERLYING MALAISE IN INTERNATIONAL  
CAPITALISTIC SYSTEM; (D) MALAISE ALSO EXTENDS TO  
AFRICAN ECONOMIES AS WITNESSED BY REGRESSION IN  
INTRA-AFRICAN TRADE OVER LAST FEW YEARS; (C) THE  
EFFECT OF VERY EXPENSIVE SERVICES AND FINISHED GOODS  
FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, ACCENTUATED BY NEAR-  
COLLAPSE OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM, HAS MEANT  
WORSENING TERMS OF TRADE AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS  
DEFICITS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; (F) EACH DEVELOPING  
COUNTRY MUST DETERMINE ITS OWN BEST SYSTEM, AND  
MASSIVE REPLANNING EFFORTS ON THE PART OF ALL  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE NEEDED TO REDRESS THE CURRENT  
LEGACY OF HUMAN EXPLOITATION CREATED BY DELIBERATE  
AND ORGANIZED POLICY OF "UNDERDEVELOPED AID" BY  
DEVELOPED WORLD; (G) SOLUTIONS EXIST IN RECOMMEND-  
ATIONS OF DAKAR CONFERENCE, E.G. PRICE GUARANTEES,  
INDEXING OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES, CONTROL OF  
MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, AND CREATION OF  
GENERALIZED PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATIONS FOR PRIMARY  
PRODUCTS.

5. SPEECH MADE MORE ATTRACTIVE BY UNSPECIFIED  
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OFFERS OF HUGE AMOUNTS OF AID ON CONCESSIONARY TERMS FROM OIL-RICH COUNTRIES TO AFRICA'S 36 RESOURCE-POOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE EXEMPLARY DIMENSION OF SPEECH WAS ALGERIAN GROWTH RATE OF 9 PERCENT BASED ON REINVESTMENT RATE OF 40 PERCENT OF ITS GNP, IMPLYING THAT IF OTHER COUNTRIES ORGANIZE THEIR FOREIGN TRADE ALONG LINES ENVISAGED BY DAKAR CONFERENCE, THEY TOO CAN ENJOY HIGHER AND MORE CONSTANT INCOME FROM THEIR RAW MATERIALS. HE ADDED THAT DESPITE GOOD EXPORT EARNINGS ALGERIA STILL HAS A CURRENT DEFICIT IN ITS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. SPEECH ENDED WITH REFERENCE TO DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES IN U.S. TRADE BILL AND U.S. THREATS OF AGGRESSION AND MILITARY INTERVENTION AGAINST OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES; DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO CALL FOR WORLD CONFERENCE TO SET UP NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STRUCTURES AT FORTHCOMING OPEC SUMMIT IN ALGIERS; AND APPEAL TO SELF-RELIANCE AND COOPERATION TO CREATE AN IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

6. YAKER PERSONAL PROFILE: APPEARS SOMEWHAT HUMORLESS, VERY SINGLE-MINDED, DEVOTED TO CAUSE OF IMPROVING HUMAN CONDITION. HE IS VERY, VERY ABLE AND OBIOUSLY HAS EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN CONFERENCES OF THIS KIND. WITH A NEARLY INFLATIBLE SENSE OF TIMING AND TACTICS, HE IS ALWAYS ONE OR TWO STEPS AHEAD OF CONFERENCE, BUT NEVER SO FAR AHEAD AS TO LOSE CONTACT WITH, OR BE OFFENSIVE TO, THE OTHER DELEGATES. HE PROJECTS AN IMAGE OF YOUTH, OPTIMISM, AND VIGOR AND HAS FULL COMMAND OF ANY NEEDED FACT OR FIGURE. HE IS THE ONLY DELEGATION WHICH HAS A COMPREHENSIVE, TOTAL PROGRAM AND A WELL-REASONED ANSWER TO EVERY QUESTION. THOSE DELEGATIONS WHICH CONCEIVABLY MIGHT OPPOSE HIS PROGRAM OF ACTION APPEAR BY COMPARISON TO BE WOEFULLY UNPREPARED. YAKER'S SKILL AND CONFIDENCE COMBINED WITH HIS MESSAGE OF AFRICAN SALVATION IS HAVING CONSIDERABLE IMPACT.

7. THE POLITICAL DIMENSION OF THE ALGERIAN INITIATIVE IS UNLIKE ANY WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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RECENT HISTORY OF THE UN SYSTEM. WHILE FOUNDED ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, THE UNDERLYING RATIONALE OF THE INITIATIVE IS POLITICAL AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED AS BEING MERELY "TECHNICAL" OR OF SECONDARY

IMPORTANCE. THE STAKES ARE VAST. THEY ONLY BEGIN WITH THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND ALGERIAN IDEAS ABOUT RESTRUCTURING THE UN ALONG REGIONAL OR "VERTICAL" LINES. THE AIM IS CONTROL OF DESTINY - A POLITICAL OBJECTIVE. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO IGNORE THIS INITIATIVE WHICH IS BOUND TO PROFOUNDLY AFFECT THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL ORDER.

8. UN UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL VAN LAETHAM SOUGHT OUT MEMBER OF U.S. DELEGATION (KHAN) TO PRIVATELY STRESS HIS AWARENESS OF THE GRAVITY OF THE THREAT POSED BY THE ALGERIAN INITIATIVE AND TO INFORM US THAT HE WAS WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES TO MODERATE IT. HE SAID THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY TALKED TO YAKER AND WOULD HAVE FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR BENNETT AND AMBASSADOR FERGUSON IN NEW YORK ON THIS SUBJECT. VAN LAETHAM FELT THAT THE ALGERIANS WERE PLAYING A VERY RISKY GAME INVOLVING "DOUBLE BLACKMAIL", I.E. PRESUMABLY IN THE PROMISE OF AID TO THE LDCS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, IN EXPECTATION OF "THIRD WORLD UNITY" ON THE ALGERIAN PROGRAM, AND BLACKMAIL OF THE OPEC COUNTRIES TO SECURE RELEASE OF HUGE AMOUNTS OF PETRO-DOLLARS FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.  
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